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It was New Year’s Eve of 1999. Some donated organs were desperately needed for a transplant patient in Boston. And all other possible medical helicopters were spoken for. It was a tough dilemma that faced a DHMC administrator on that momentous night . . .

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The cockpit of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center’s air rescue helicopter is no stranger to drama. In fact, it’s the “everyday” nature of a dramatic event that took place on New Year’s Eve of the millennium that was most remarkable to the DHMC administrator who tells the tale. The cover photograph is by Jon Gilbert Fox. The associated feature starts on page 26.